

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,**

**CRIMINAL NO.**

**v.**

**HON.**

**D-1 ERIC J. SMITH,**

**VIOLATION:**

**18 U.S.C. § 1512(b)(1) (Obstruction of  
Justice)**

**Defendant.**

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**INFORMATION**

**The United States Attorney charges:**

**COUNT ONE**

(18 U.S.C. § 1512(b)(1) – *Obstruction of Justice*)

**D-1 ERIC J. SMITH**

In and between August 2019 and February 2020, in the Eastern District of Michigan, Southern Division, defendant **ERIC J. SMITH**, knowingly and corruptly persuaded and attempted to persuade another person, with the intent to influence that person's testimony in an official proceeding, namely, defendant attempted to get *Person A* to provide false statements to federal law enforcement officers and a federal grand jury regarding the nature of over \$50,000 in cash defendant illegally received from *Person A*. Defendant also knowingly and corruptly persuaded and

attempted to persuade *Prosecutor A* and *Prosecutor B* to provide false statements to law enforcement officers and a federal grand jury regarding \$20,000 that defendant stole from his campaign fund.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1512(b)(1).

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